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Through:

*Nicholas L. Graf*  
Mr. Nicholas L. Graf  
Division Administrator  
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Sanderson:

Thank you for your April 9 letter to Division Administrator Nicholas L. Graf requesting about 16 miles of the Charlotte Outer Loop from I-77 south of Charlotte counter clockwise to U.S. 74 be added to the Interstate System under the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 139(a).

This segment is part of the loop approved as a future part of the Interstate System on February 26, 1991, under 23 U.S.C. 139(b). The provisions of 23 U.S.C. 139 have been incorporated in revised 23 U.S.C. 103(c).

You note the segment has been open to traffic since 1997 and provides a connection between I-77 and National Highway System route U.S. 74. Our field offices confirmed on March 4, 1998, that the segment was completed to Interstate standards in accordance with our Section 139(b) agreement. I, therefore, find the segment satisfies the requirements of Section 103(c)(4)(A) and designate it as a part of the Interstate System. Per your reasonable request, this designation shall be effective as of December 31, 1998.

We hereby formally concur in the numbering of the route as I-485. By copy of this letter, we are notifying the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials which approved this numbering for the Charlotte Outer Loop on June 8, 1988, and October 5, 1996.

The route description for I-485 in North Carolina, a 16.7-mile (26.8-km) addition, reads as follows:

I-485 From I-77 south of Charlotte counter clockwise to U.S. 74 southeast of Charlotte.



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E. NORRIS TOLSON  
SECRETARY

April 9, 1999

Mr. Nicholas L. Graf, PE  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration  
310 New Bern Ave., Suite 410  
Raleigh, N.C. 27611

Dear Mr. Graf:

SUBJECT: Addition to Interstate System for Section of Charlotte Outer Loop

As you know the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approved the Charlotte Outer Loop from I-77 in the south, counterclockwise to I-85 in northern Charlotte as a future addition to the interstate system on February 26, 1991. This action was approved under 23 USC 139(b). Also, route number I-485 was approved for this loop by both the FHWA and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

The section from east of US 521 to US 74 was completed and opened to traffic in 1997. This section completed the link from I-77 south of Charlotte, counterclockwise to US 74 constituting an interstate designed and constructed facility that is connected at each end to a National Highway System route.

We request your approval of this 16.65 mile facility as an addition to the interstate system under 23 USC 139(a). We ask that this action be approved retroactively to December 31, 1998, if possible, so that we may include this interstate mileage in our Highway Performance Monitoring System annual report for 1998 data.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Len A. Sanderson".

Len A. Sanderson, PE  
State Highway Administrator



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Attachment

cc: Mr. E. Norris Tolson, Secretary-NC Dept. of Transportation  
Mr. Donald R. Morton, PE  
Mr. Jimmy M. Lynch, PE  
Mr. Larry Sams

I-485

Request for Addition to Interstate System  
Under 23 USC 139(a) 16.65 miles

